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Thursday, August 24, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

## TCA Awards

The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) recently held its summer conference, "Stockmen in the Smokies," at the Sevierville Convention Center and honored its annual award recipients during the meeting. These awards, given to nine deserving individuals, were nominated by their peers, and selected by a committee based on their credentials. Each award winner plays a role in the beef cattle business of Tennessee. Below are a couple of photos of the winners from McMinn County: Outstanding Work in the 4-H Beef Program: Agent Brooke Cass of McMinn County (in photo at left with Dustin Pearson); Outstanding Work as an FFA (Future Farmers of America) Advisor: Dr. Jim Neel Outstanding Extension Work, Adult Education: Agent Tim Woods of McMinn County (Tim Woods in photo at right with Dustin Pearson). "These winners represent what it means to be great cattle producers, great educators, and outstanding leaders in agriculture," said Charles Hord, TCA's executive vice president. "They all bring something different to the table, but collectively, they help drive forward the beef cattle business in Tennessee. We were happy to honor their achievements." Submitted by Staycie Nicole Heath

## Community News You Can Use


✓ UT Extension is offering a Matter of Balance class from September 5<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. It's a free workshop at the McMinn Senior Activity Center, located at 205 McMinn Ave., Athens. You must pre-register, the class is limited to 12. Call 423-745-2852. Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. This nationally recognized program was developed by Roybal Center at Boston University.

- TODAY IS:
- National Waffle Day
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  - National Maryland Day (the 7th state to join the Union).




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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦**Betty Sharp Weir**, age 89, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at NHC of Athens. She was a native of Lafollette, TN and longtime resident of McMinn County. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens where she sang in the choir for many years. She was a former member of the Luncheon Pilot Club. She was associated with Social Security Administration, retiring after 23 years, and had also been associated with First National Bank and Citizens National Bank of Athens. A graveside service will be at 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Grove Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Barbara Knox Quinn**, age 81, of Cleveland, passed away on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> surrounded by her family. Family and faith were the most important parts of Barbara's life. Barbara was one of a kind; she was generous, caring and loving. She was a treasured mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was always there for her family. Barbara enjoyed traveling, bird watching and family time. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of New Fellowship Baptist Church in Charleston. She also attended Southview Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday prior to the service. The interment will follow the service in Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

## Pelley v Perkinson Suit Settled

A petition of an "ouster lawsuit" filed by Athens City Councilman, (Adolphus) Dick Pelley, to remove former Athens Mayor Bo Perkinson from office almost a year ago has been given a final order. Circuit Judge J. Michael Sharp ruled on August 18<sup>th</sup> of this year that the "ouster lawsuit" was invalid because most of the 17 petitioners (other than Pelley) that signed the petition did not know that they were going to be parties to an actual lawsuit and that they did not know Pelley's lawyer, who filed the lawsuit, Van R. Irion, and declared that he did not represent them in any legal matter. Also, most of the signers of the petition did not include the date that they signed the document. Only 6 of the petitioners dated their signature showing August 2, 2022. The date is significant, as the city council meeting where Perkinson supposedly violated Pelley's rights to speak was held on August 16, 2022. The defendant in the case, former Mayor Bo Perkinson, petitioned the court to be reimbursed for the cost of his legal defense in the suit. The court ruled in his favor and awarded Perkinson \$6,993.35. The court entered a judgement against attorney Van Irion and petitioner, (Adolphus) Dick Pelley, for both the attorney fees in the amount of \$48,682.92 as well as the discretionary costs of \$6,993.35. The court also found that the preparing of blank declarations to be disseminated, as was done in this case, by both Pelley and his Attorney Van Irion, was not only reckless, they were done in bad faith. A copy of the order by the court is also being sent to the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility and the judge ordered Attorney Irion to self-report to the Board within 14 days of the date of the order.

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